

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

June 12, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 5/22/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Mary Jo Teetor, re: Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board
 - Tiny Library proposal – Georgia and Margaret Donaldson
 - Young At Heart inclusion in yearly audit
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Fire Truck Purchase
 - Planning Commission hearings re: revisions to zoning bylaws, set for June 27, 2017
 - Delinquent tax collection
 - Grant, re: Final Hollow Road
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
 - Dog bite, Rte. 31, South Poultney
 - Dog bite, High Road
 - Alleged property contamination, Morse Hollow Road
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly, Highway Foreman, Pat Beatty, representing Young At Heart Senior Center, Mary Jo Teetor, Georgia Donaldson and Margaret Donaldson, and Aaron Kirber, Fire Chief.

Adoption of the Agenda: Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/22/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

Pat Beatty attended the meeting to request that the Young At Heart Senior Center be included in next year's audit. The center operates on a \$96,000 yearly budget. Paul Donaldson advised that he is waiting for Bill Yachavoni to give him a ball-park price to include in next year's audit. Discussion followed, and the board was unanimous that the center should be included in the audit since the town contributes much funding to the center. Discussion followed regarding Same Sun assessing the site for solar installation; Paul Donaldson stated that the folks from Same Sun thought the site was not good – not enough south facing roofs. Paul Donaldson advised that he is exploring the possibility of installing solar at the Village Wastewater Plant.

Mary Jo Teetor advised that there is a meeting on June 27 for the Unified School District, and that the Poultney School Board had to act in concert with the Selectboard as to who will be appointed on the Unified Board. One seat is vacant, but Kristin Ross has expressed an interest in filling that seat. Discussion followed and the consensus of the Selectboard is that they will accept the recommendation of Mary Jo Teetor to accept Ms. Ross's bid for the seat should she formally request appointment.

Georgia Donaldson gave a presentation requesting permission to install a "Tiny Library" on town property. She explained that it was an installation of a small kiosk for the free exchange of books. She explained that she has seen them in Castleton, Rutland, Granville, NY and a number of them in Boston, MA. Its geared mostly to children, but there are also adult books. Discussion followed regarding monitoring books to be sure that books not appropriate

for children do not get in there. Frank Fressie made a Motion to allow the kiosk to be placed somewhere on the Town Hall property. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

Ron Kelly reported the following:

- 1) The crew has been grading and adding Chloride to the gravel roads.
- 2) Roadside mowing has been progressing;
- 3) Cold patching paved roads as needed;
- 4) Fixing the shoulder of the road near Dick Hanson's property, where people access the swimming holes;
- 5) The crew repaired two trucks, the Dodge, wheel bearings, and caliper bracket, the Dump, replace the brake S. Canister;
- 6) Received grant for Finel Hollow/Pond Hill/Highland Grey intersection improvement;
- 7) Crew will be attending Tractor Mower Safety Class tomorrow;
- 8) Todd Eaton from VT Local Roads visited VT Rte 140 with Ron to look at the road where it has been failing. Todd believes there is an underdrainage issue, Ron says the stabilization work they did seems to have stopped the road shoulder from sinking, he will keep an eye on it;
- 9) The crew put a stop sign on Stonehedge where the private road comes onto the town road;
- 10) Discussion regarding the road side mowing contracts on Route 30 and 31

Town Managers Report:

Planning Commission hearings re: revisions to zoning bylaws:

- Date has been set for June 27 to hear comments regarding suggested changes to the Unified Bylaws

Fire Truck Purchase:

Paul Donaldson signed the paperwork to order the fire truck, confirmed with VLCT and Town Attorney that the town could lease the truck without further voter input, but needs to be sure that we stay under the amount authorized by Town vote. Aaron Kirber advised the price will come in at or under the town authorized report. Paul is working on getting together the financing paperwork.

Aaron Kirber circulated the Captain's Report.

: reluctant to order if not sure have funding

- called VLCT- no contingency financing

Delinquent Tax Collection:

- Discussion followed regarding the options to hire an attorney to assist with delinquent tax collection. Paul Donaldson advised the board that he plans to keep the board abreast of the costs of collection as the matters progress. The first phase is to circulate demand letters, and Paul will review after that to see what volume will be still outstanding after the letters. Tom Coloutti made a motion to hire the firm of Carroll, Boe & Pell to assist with collection. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Crosswalk Improvement:

Paul Donaldson is pursuing grant money to install pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection of Main/East Main/Beaman/Grove Streets.

Health Officer:

Terry Williams gave reports on three cases:

- Dog bite, Rte. 31, South Poultney (Paul Donaldson has the dog quarantined and is going to get this dog vaccinated and registered at owner's expense this week before the dog is returned to owner)
- Dog bite, High Road (4 year old girl was bitten in the face after she allegedly kicked the dog), there is no proof of rabies, and the owner is keep the dog quarantined
- Alleged property contamination, Morse Hollow Road

Executive Session:

None

Board Orders:

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

s/Paul A. Donaldson